

Bitterroot Job Service Employers' Committee Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2007

Present:

Jesse Lohse, Rocky Mountain Truss
Skip Rosenthal, Ravalli County
Karen Thompson, BBIA
Vikki Bell, Ravalli County Bank
Mark Seitz, First Security Bank
Pat Easley, Bitterroot Valley Chamber
Patti Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC
Justine Morris, KECI News Channel

Debbie Morris, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Becky Brough, Hamilton Schools
Patty West, Office of Public Assistance
Rebecca Johnson, APEX Human Resources
Tracy Klapwyk, Red's Office Supply
Linda Valentine, Human Resource Council
Vickie Steele, Bitterroot JSWC
Cindy Beck, Albertson's

Introductions: Introductions were made with business affiliations.

Minutes: The November minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Morris noted the ending JSEC account balance as \$2,341.74 and the report was approved.

Guest Speakers: Wolf Ametsbichler and J.R. Strand from the Missoula Job Service Workforce Center both addressed the benefits of JSEC incorporation. Wolf informed the committee that they do not presently have a legal entity to separate monies to accommodate revenue and with their upcoming Job Fair being held at the Hilton Garden Inn, advertising, refreshments, hotel staffing services and more, the total is about \$10,000. They checked out the benefits of incorporation into a 501C3; allows more flexibility, can be used to generate funds; and there must be a legal distinction between the JSEC organization and Job Service. J.R. distributed a handout identifying the differences between 501C3 and 501C6 designations. J.R. identified the required steps for incorporation and the Missoula JSEC is in the process of incorporation. Becky Brough requested 501C3 JSEC incorporation status be added to the January agenda.

Florence Career Fair: Linda reported on the first Florence Career Fair Meeting and said that Deb Gass was very organized and provided the following information: There are 285 students attending the career fair, 20 in each group, and 15 rooms are available. Information is being gathered as to how many speakers will be needed. At tomorrow's meeting we will identify the speakers. Each speaker will have about 12 minutes to present their career topic. We will have an idea of the top career choices tomorrow. Patti mentioned that Florence wants all students to participate and they will attend each speaker's 12 minute presentation. Patti suggested Kent Barbian of the Rocky Mountain Lab and Vicki Judd with Montana Power Company as possible speakers. Debbie is interested in the health care career choice and Jesse in the construction area. An outline of information will be provided to speakers highlighting areas of student interest.

Community Job Fair: Vickie Steele announced that our Community Job Fair will be held on March 27, 2008 at Hamilton High School. Heather Mousley is coordinating this event with DeLynn Gardner assisting.

Seminars: Pat Easley reported the attendance for four of the Wendy Samson business series. The next two sessions will be on January 16th and February 20th. Pat encouraged members to attend.

Kathleen said the JSEC sponsored IT Security seminar is set for February 28th from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital conference room. She is awaiting a bio from Pat Poles, the presenter, to prepare the seminar flyer. A motion passed to set the registration fee for a flat \$25 per person.

Patti distributed a handout on how the arts affect our lives in the community. Meeting adjourned.

